

# Daily Digest

## Senate

### Chamber Action

#### Routine Proceedings, pages S2947–S2981

**Measures Introduced:** Ten bills and seven resolutions were introduced, as follows: S. 4405–4414, and S. Res. 675–681. **Pages S2967–68**

#### Measures Passed:

**Joint Consolidation Loan Separation Act:** Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions was discharged from further consideration of S. 1098, to amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to authorize borrowers to separate joint consolidation loans, and the bill was then passed, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Kelly (for Warner) Amendment No. 5097, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2961**

**Juneteenth National Independence Day:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 679, commemorating June 19, 2022, as “Juneteenth National Independence Day” in recognition of June 19, 1865, the date on which news of the end of slavery reached the slaves in the Southwestern States. **Page S2961**

**National Cybersecurity Education Month:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 680, designating June 2022 as “National Cybersecurity Education Month”. **Page S2961**

**USS Oklahoma City:** Senate agreed to S. Res. 681, recognizing the service of the *Los Angeles*-class attack submarine the *USS Oklahoma City* and the crews of the *USS Oklahoma City*, who served the United States with valor and bravery. **Page S2961**

#### Measures Considered:

**Honoring Our Pact Act—Agreement:** Senate continued consideration of H.R. 3967, to improve health care and benefits for veterans exposed to toxic substances, taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto: **Pages S2947–58**

Adopted:

By 84 yeas to 15 nays (Vote No. 226), Tester/Moran Amendment No. 5051, in the nature of a substitute. **Page S2951**

Withdrawn:

Schumer Amendment No. 5065 (to Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2951**

Schumer Amendment No. 5076 (to the text proposed to be stricken by Amendment No. 5051), to add an effective date. **Page S2951**

During consideration of this measure today, Senate also took the following action:

By 76 yeas to 23 nays (Vote No. 227), three-fifths of those Senators duly chosen and sworn, having voted in the affirmative, Senate agreed to the motion to close further debate on the bill. **Page S2951**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill, post-cloture, at approximately 10 a.m., on Thursday, June 16, 2022; that all time during adjournment, recess, morning business, and Leader remarks count post-cloture on the bill, and that all time be considered expired at 11:15 a.m.; and that upon disposition of the bill, Senate vote on the motions to invoke cloture on the nominations of Ana Isabel de Alba, of California, to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of California, and Mary T. Boyle, of Maryland, to be a Commissioner of the Consumer Product Safety Commission, and that if cloture is invoked on either nomination, all post-cloture time be expired and the votes on confirmation of the nominations occur at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in consultation with the Republican Leader. **Page S2976**

**Concurrent Resolution on the Budget:** By 29 yeas to 67 nays (Vote No. 228), Senate failed to agree to the motion to proceed to consideration of S. Con. Res. 41, setting forth the congressional budget for the United States Government for fiscal year 2023 and setting forth the appropriate budgetary levels for fiscal years 2024 through 2032, on Wednesday, June 15, 2022. **Pages S2958–60**

**National World War II Memorial Commemorative Coin Act—Agreement:** A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that if the Senate receives a message from the House of Representatives that it has passed H.R. 1057, to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the National World War II Memorial in

Washington, DC, and if the text of the bill as passed is identical to S. 1596, that at a time to be determined by the Majority Leader, or his designee, in consultation with the Republican Leader, the bill be considered read a third time and Senate vote on passage of the bill. **Pages S2961–62**

**Nominations Confirmed:** Senate confirmed the following nominations:

By 63 yeas to 32 nays (Vote No. EX. 229), Alan M. Leventhal, of Massachusetts, to be Ambassador to the Kingdom of Denmark. **Page S2960**

Ventris C. Gibson, of Virginia, to be Director of the Mint for a term of five years. **Page S2961**

**Nominations Received:** Senate received the following nominations:

Radha Iyengar Plumb, of New York, to be a Deputy Under Secretary of Defense.

Julie D. Fisher, of Tennessee, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Cyprus.

Christopher T. Robinson, of Maryland, to be Ambassador to the Republic of Latvia.

Stephanie Sanders Sullivan, of Maryland, to be Representative of the United States of America to the African Union, with the rank and status of Ambassador.

Bradley N. Garcia, of Maryland, to be United States Circuit Judge for the District of Columbia Circuit.

Dana M. Douglas, of Louisiana, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Roopali H. Desai, of Arizona, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Ninth Circuit.

Maria del R. Antongiorgi-Jordan, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Camille L. Velez-Rive, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Gina R. Mendez-Miro, of Puerto Rico, to be United States District Judge for the District of Puerto Rico.

Jerry W. Blackwell, of Minnesota, to be United States District Judge for the District of Minnesota.

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**Record Votes:** Four record votes were taken today. (Total—229) **Pages S2951, S2960**

**Adjournment:** Senate convened at 10 a.m. and adjourned at 7:46 p.m., until 10 a.m. on Thursday, June 16, 2022. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S2976.)

## Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

### APPROPRIATIONS: DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education, and Related Agencies concluded a hearing to examine proposed budget estimates and justification for fiscal year 2023 for the Department of Labor, after receiving testimony from Martin J. Walsh, Secretary of Labor.

### BUSINESS MEETING

*Committee on Armed Services:* Committee began consideration of the proposed National Defense Authorization Act for fiscal year 2023, but did not complete action thereon and will meet again on Thursday, June 16, 2022.

Committee recessed subject to the call.

### LEGISLATION

*Committee on Environment and Public Works:* Committee concluded a hearing to examine S. 2194, to authorize the Secretary of the Interior, through the Coastal Program of the United States Fish and Wildlife Service, to work with willing partners and provide support to efforts to assess, protect, restore, and enhance important coastal areas that provide fish and wildlife habitat on which Federal trust species depend, an original bill entitled, "the Strengthening Coastal Communities Act", S. 3069, to reauthorize the Great Lakes Fish and Wildlife Restoration Act of 1990, and S. 3767, to amend the Water Infrastructure Improvements for the Nation Act to reauthorize Delaware River Basin conservation programs, after receiving testimony from Stephen Guertin, Deputy Director, Program Management and Policy, Fish and Wildlife Service, Department of the Interior; Emily C. Cope, South Carolina Department of Natural Resources Deputy Director, Columbia; and Elizabeth Gray, National Audubon Society, Washington, D.C.